



# The Glen High School

April 2017

## NEWSLETTER 3

Dear Parents

We have reached the start of the second quarter for 2017 after a busy sporting and academic 1<sup>st</sup> term. I hope that all staff and learners have enjoyed a well-deserved rest. The academic reports will be handed out to parents on Saturday 22 April followed by our parent-teacher consultation evening on Tuesday 25 April. Please diarize these important dates and visit the school.

### STAFF INFORMATION

- I would like to thank Mrs Matthews for helping us by teaching Afrikaans for the first term while we sourced a teacher. Mrs Matthews “came out of retirement” to assist us, and her input has been most appreciated.
- Mrs M. Smith has joined the Afrikaans department and Mr S. Khumalo has joined the History department in Mr Hadebe’s absence. Both teachers are most welcome at our school and we wish them a happy stay.
- At the end of April we will bid farewell to Mrs A. Jacobs (Afrikaans teacher) who has been seconded to work as a shop steward at the SAOU. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Jacobs for the passion and enthusiasm that she has brought to the teaching of Afrikaans and for her excellence as a grade tutor. Mrs Jacobs will be missed but we wish her the very best in her new career.
- Miss B. Rass has resigned with effect from 1 May in order to take up a post at a primary school. I would like to thank her and wish her the best for her teaching career.
- Mrs H. Burke has joined the staff on a part-time basis to offer booster Mathematics lessons to junior learners needing intensive intervention.

### EXAM TERM



Exams play a major role in this term's assessments, so I am encouraging parents to mentor and guide their child through the preparation period leading up to the exams. Please encourage your child to compile summaries, draw up a study programme and begin studying every day so that they are well prepared before exams commence. Please give your child daily opportunities to recite the content of their study material to you. Your child must be able to learn the work and recite it back to you without looking at the material. Simply reading through the work is not effective!

Please monitor your child's use of electronic devices to ensure that school work is a priority and that your child is not pretending to study while watching movies.

### DRUG WARS

We have invited an organization called VariTest to present a short workshop to parents on the night of Parents' Evening. The presentation will take place in the hall at 18h00 and will last approximately 30 minutes. The presenter will guide and empower parents on drug related issues as well as give a breakdown of the intervention that the organization can offer to families. The following will also be addressed:

Different approaches parents can take on combatting drug problems.

Contributing factors like peer pressure.

Testing of your child and “the trust issue”.



The presentation will be short and act as an introduction to the Drug Wars workshop that is to be presented to learners. Parents will be given an opportunity to enroll their child into the workshop at a cost of R100,00.

### **DROP OFF ZONE**

The new drop-off area has been completed and is in use. I am very relieved to have moved away from the very busy and dangerous space along Garstfontein Road. Thank you to parents for having patience and bearing with us during the construction period. Please make use of the new drop-off area by driving in from the service road and out onto Corobay Ave.

### **LITTER**

We have been campaigning to keep the school grounds clean. Unfortunately, many of our learners do not show respect for their educational environment and continue to disregard appeals to make use of the many dustbins provided. As a result, the school tuckshop will be closed from Monday 24 April to Wednesday 26 April. Please supply lunch from home for the duration of the tuckshop closure. No deliveries from fast food suppliers to learners will be permitted. Please hold discussions with your child where you reinforce the need to respect and take pride in the school environment.



### **2018 GRADE 8 ADMISSIONS**

Applications for admission to grade 8 in 2018 are to be completed through the GDE on-line application system which opens on 2 May 2017. Applications will close on 12 June 2017. If you have a learner in grade 7 it is imperative that you complete the application process timeously. No manual applications are processed by schools.

We will be hosting our annual Open Day on Saturday 6 May at 09:00



### **GENERAL:**

We will be hosting a number of exciting events this term. Please watch the D6 communicator for upcoming events.

You are reminded to diarize 12 May for the Mr and Miss Glen pageant and to please support the event. Many sports matches will be hosted throughout the term and I would like to appeal to parents to become part of a parent spectator group. I will invite you to come and sit at our beautiful sport facilities and watch the passion your child puts into their games.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. W. Nel  
Principal

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